

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504

MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Roll Call:

Present: Bruce Rogers (Vice Chairperson), Marissa Gruytch (Secretary), Mike Osmon

Absent: Sonya Alemdar (Chair), George Perez, Vacant (Alt#1), and Vacant (Alt#2)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2022; Motion to approve by Bruce Rogers, 2nd by Marissa Gruytch. Minutes approved.

3.0 Community Updates (Invited)

3.1 – Senator Melendez Staff – Casey Deaver - Absent

3.2 – Assemblyman Seyarto Staff – Joe Fuentes –Present

AB 1711: Privacy Breach: This bill holds government agencies to the same reporting requirements of data breaches as contractors and private entities to ensure the best notification practices to the public.

AB 1687: California Emergency Services Act: Governor's Powers: Suspension of Statutes and Regulations. This bill clarifies that the Governor's use of emergency powers must be related to the emergency conditions.

Mike Osmon (question): What is the definition of "disrupting" in SB 1100, very concerning. Joe Fuentes said he would circle back after conferring with Assemblyman Seyarto.

3.3 – California Highway Patrol – CHP Representative – Present Lt. Todd provided stats YTD: 226 citations, 13 arrests, on 9/1/22 there was a fatal crash involving a motorcycle crossing double yellow on Van Buren near Mockingbird Canyon, head-on with a city truck. Total of 65 crashes, 21 with injury, 43 without injury, 1 fatal. Community outreach is going to all schools, sometimes in the morning, others in the afternoon. Start Smart, free teen driving class being offered at the Riverside office on 9/22/22.

Public comments included concern for El Sobrante on the back side of the Lake Matthews area and Cajalco Rd from the 215 to El Sobrante (Mead Valley Area) for accidents.

3.4 – Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Thomas: No stats due to working the Hemet Fire all week, department is on tactical alert working 7 days a week. Prior to the fire, Van Buren to Wood Rd moved out transits, some are coming back because Riverside cleaned out the river bottom, so some are coming back to the Woodcrest area. Constantly checking, went to Gardner and Iris, owner is cleaning up the property.

Community Issue: Deputy is receiving phone calls on days off; one call was a suspicious vehicle in someone's yard; this call should have gone to dispatch (911 or non-emergency). The next day, it was found to have resulted in a burglary to a home, took furniture, stove, and other items. If you see a suspicious person in your area, call it in. Get a good description or license plate number. If you go on vacation, let your neighbors know so they can watch out for your house.

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Public asked if it was ever determined how the Woodcrest fire started (few weeks ago). Answer; No. One house lost as a result. Community assisted Deputy in evacuating people and assisting in putting out the fire.

Public Comment: In the last few months there have been quite a few break-ins, some where someone got hurt/killed, have the suspects been caught? Deputy response; they are wearing gloves and there haven't been any prints found, advised to get a good camera to get video. Without good information the report may sit. Some suspects have been caught including the body found in Mockingbird Canyon, related to home invasion in Good Hope around 4:00 in the morning, beat the people up, suspect shot himself with rifle, his friends dropped in off, other suspects found in Long Beach, one was 17 years old.

Mike Osmon asked what the Sheriff protocol is for the Hemet Fire, he has friends that are trying to go back to the area to get horses and they are being told they can't. Deputy advised if you have ID, you might be escorted, but the fire is moving and the best thing to do is contact Animal Control, they will get the horses and bring them down. Deputy says there are a lot of animals running around up there. 2 people killed in the fire, and one person seriously burned.

Public comment on 602 letters, no trespass signs. If you don't have signs the DA won't file. If you don't have a 602 on file, sign a private arrest form.

3.5 – Riverside County Fire Department – Fire Station #8: Not present.

3.6 – Code Enforcement – Present, Jamison Cole [District 1 Supervisor]: 217 open cases, cleaned up Gardner, graffiti there is getting painted over. Supervisor Ron Welch with the special enforcement team, deals with noise violations, vending, parties, afterhours business, 951-955-2004 will go to messaging center. Does not deal with noisy animals. Incorporates community into the team by calling in and reporting. Issues noise violations up to \$1,000.

Public question asked, do you call Code Enforcement for noise before the Sheriff's Department? Ron advised, yes, because his team is called out by the Sheriff anyways.

Public comment: no response to complaint submitted online (3 months), advised by Jamison to call in to follow up. Caseloads are high, but officers are responsive.

3.7 – Western Municipal Water District – [Representative] present, Grace and Director Gardner. Project expected to start October/November and affect Wood Rd/Van Buren/Roberts/Chicago. They will be assessing valves in the area because of main breaks. Water will not be turned off, just period of low pressure between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

Public question; how will we be informed? Answer mail and text message.

Mike Gardner, director at WMWD district 1; WMWD gets 60% of its water from imports from the State Water Project (Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet). The other 40% is locally produced, recycled, ground water (reverse osmosis). Been leaning on Sacramento to do some infrastructure projects with the State surplus money. Governor issued a new water plan. Delta conveyance is not funded, could create 50% increased capacity for the State Water Project. Over collected gas tax that could be issued back to Californians is being recommended to fund some of the infrastructure water projects. SB 1157 by

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Hertzberg, lowers amount of indoor water use. Less water going into water treatment plants for water recycling will result in less water coming out, and greater cost to clean up the more concentrated waste water.

Public discussion about bonds, including Prop 1, where has the money gone? Mike advised some is still left, some was used for habitat restoration and trails.

Public question about legislation for water related to agriculture; Mike answered that discussion has been had to abandon agriculture. Takes lots of water to grow almonds, so there has been suggestions to replace the thirsty crop with something else. It takes many more gallons of water to get a gallon of milk, perhaps move the cows out.

Project will allow Diamond Valley Lake (State Water Project) for other Metropolitan customers. This will affect how much reserve is in the area. Mike brought up the point that if more water is used from the reserve, how and where do we get water to replenish.

4.0 New Business

4.1 – Department of Animal Services – Programs and Services – Representative

CDR Josh Sisler was assisting with evacuations in Hemet due to the fire so he had no stats with him, but stated he has no concerns for our area. Social Media is a problem, it is not continually monitored. People are reporting things on social media and getting upset when they don't receive a response. Items need to be called into the department directly for service. Information regarding donations can be found on the department website. If you are interested in volunteering with the department, information can be found on the website. REARS Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue System, you have to be certified to participate. Spay-neuter information can be found on the website: Rcdas.org

5.0 Public Comments: Those who wish to address the MAC should complete a "Request to Speak" form and give it to the Secretary, completed. Speakers wishing to address items on the agenda should note the agenda item on the speaker's slip and will be asked to speak at that time. Speakers have a 3-minute time limit.

Paul Rodriguez is running for election to the Western Municipal Water District Division 2.

Stand Up Riverside: organization holding various events in Riverside. Speaking up and encouraging people to vote.

6.0 Woodcrest MAC Board Member Comments

Bruce Rodgers: Tell people about the meetings, show up, and speak up.

Mike Osmon: Encouraged everyone to spread the word about the meetings, consider volunteering to fill a vacancy on the Woodcrest MAC.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Damian Fussel, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

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Woodcrest Community Clean Up 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on Oct. 1st @ Sandals Church on Van Buren.

8.0 Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting November 10, 2022 @ Woodcrest Library:

16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504

**Please note that MAC meetings are held on ODD MONTHS only.

Adjournment time: ___7:18 PM_____

*Time permitting, those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation should raise their hand. After being recognized by the Chair, please stand up, state your name and ask your question or make a single comment and please sit down.

**New issues raised during the public comment period will not be discussed by the Council during that meeting, they may, if warranted, be included as a future item.

***The Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council is advisory to Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries.

**** If you require reasonable accommodation, please contact Lizbet Limon at (951) 955-1010 or email at district1@rcbos.org 72 hours before the meeting date.